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# State Highlights

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## Choir Presents Operetta Plan

As its annual musical production for this year, State High's choir under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, will present Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "The Gondoliers."

Making use of the comic opera situation of mixed-up identities in childhood, "The Gondoliers" theme presents a series of amusing instances. The locale of the whole production is the Venetian island kingdom of 1750.

The performance will not be until sometime in February but the cast, chosen by the choir members last week, has been announced as follows:

Fiametta — Virginia Mitchell, Jackie Leach; Guilla — Mary Ellen Ward, Melba Manning; Vittoria — Nancy Upjohn, Julia Strome; Duchess — Pat Herr; Francisco — Franklin Fulton; Georgio — Grant Eldred; Marco — Lester Shelley, Stephen Davis; Guiseppe — Jack Herr, Peter Junker; Gianetta — Lola Cheyne, Elaine Fraleigh; Casilda — Frances Spitters, Margery Steen; Inez — Mary DeLano, Gerry Klein; Duke — Bob Burns, Luiz — Tom McKinney, Dick Hill; Antonio — Roger Burns, Jerry Hollowell; Don Alhambro — Ray Doornbos, Howard Gillmore; Tessa — Marilee Fonner, Edith Dean.

## Parents and Pedagogues Ponder Pupils' Problems

Thursday, Nov. 15, is Parent's Day. The purpose of the day is simply to give the parents an opportunity to visit classes under normal conditions, to meet the teachers, and to discuss problems of interest to both parents and faculty.

All classes from 9:00 to 3:00 will be open to visitors, and Miss Steketee, girl's advisor; Mr. Sebaly, boy's advisor; and Dr. Bryan, the principal, will be in their offices to confer with parents during the day. All teachers, having free hours, will spend this time at Walwood to confer with parents, who may obtain schedules of the free hours from the high school office.

From 3:00 to 4:00 in the ballroom of Walwood Hall there will be held an informal discussion on the problem; "How can parents and teachers stimulate pupils to maintain high standards of work?"

Refreshments will be served in the East Room at Walwood Hall from 4:00 to 5:00. During this social hour, parents may discuss problems with individual teachers.

## Seventy Gain Honor Roll

Seventy students of State High, approximately one-fifth of the total enrollment, won places on the three honor rolls for the first marking period of the year. The girls proved most studious, as is evident by their total of forty-two to the boys' twenty-eight. In the homeroom contest 210A, the monitor homeroom, with slightly over 50 per cent of its members represented, edged out the Highlights homeroom which had 48 per cent on the honor roll.

The seniors led the other three classes with 30 per cent of their class on the honor rolls while 25 per cent of the Juniors won positions on the rolls. The race between the Sophs and Frosh was close but the Freshmen won, with 15 per cent of the "Freshies" receiving honor roll positions, to the 14 per cent representing the Sophomore class.

The first honor roll, consisting of those students who received all A's, or four A's and one B, is as follows: Alison Clark, Betsy Davis, Marilee Fonner, Barbara Frederick, Tom Hickmott, Ann Hoebeke, Jim Osborn, Susan Ralston, and Herb Smith.

At least 2 A's and no grade less than a B were the marks found on the report cards of the following people: Henry Berry, John Bigelow, Bob Bills, Julie Cartland, Shirlee Chapin, Carl Cooper Jr., Shirle Dale, Marge Davis, Martin Friedman, Franklin Fulton, John Gary, Virginia Glenn, Pat Herr, Gisela Keck, Mary Louise Kline, Donna Kowalski, Carolyn McLaughlin, Judy Miller, Carolyn Mitchell, Virginia Mitchell, Carol Morris, Judy Ogden, John Overly, Joan Rood, Hildur Sangren, Emily Schrier, Joanne Scougale, Lois Solomon, Walter Story, and Betty Warren.

## "Blue Jeans Jive" Scheduled Friday

Overall-clad fellows and girls will jive to the strains of Deacon Warner's orchestra in the Women's Gym, Friday, November 16, from 8:30 to 11:30.

Students whose throats are dry from cheering like mad at the last Cub grid tilt scheduled with Battle Creek Lakeview in Waldo Stadium, Friday afternoon, will be glad to know that they can quench their thirst and renew their energy with cokes and donuts to be on sale at this dance.

During intermission recognition will be given to the football team, and State High's football queen, who will have been crowned between the halves of the football game that afternoon, will also be on hand.

Hep-cats will count out their twenty-five cent admission fee as they enter, and some lucky individual will walk off with the door prize presented by the social committee.

If anyone wishes to bring a friend from another school, he must get a guest slip from Miss Nina DeKoning in the office.

## Looking Forward

Nov. 15 — Parent's Day

Nov. 16 — Overall day

Football game with Battle Creek Lakeview (here)

Football Queen crowned between the halves of the game

Overall dance 8:30 to 11:30 in the Women's Gym

Nov. 20 — Thanksgiving assembly.

Nov. 22-23 — Thanksgiving Vacation!

The third honor roll, composed of those who received no grade less than a B were placed on the third honor roll, which is as follows: John Avery, Opal Barney, Jim Bigelow, Bill Boynton, Anne Corbus, eBtty Frakes, Dale Griffith, Jerry Hagen, Carol Haskin, Phyllis Heidanus, Jerry Hollowell, Pat Keyser, Barbara Klop, Dick Kolloff, Margot La Crone, Phyllis Manes, Maxine Marr, Joan Mulder, Marilyn Newton, Jim Pellowe, Mary Jo Rix, Roebrt Russel, Bill Ryan, Ronald Selner, Robert E. Smith, Bob Talbot, Burt Upjohn, Nancy Upjohn, Louis Vander Linde, and Lillian Willie.

Calvin Carr, Ivan Miller, and Maria Frey, who have returned to State High for further study, received grades no lower than a B and are therefore entitled to be on the Honor Roll.

## Students Top Bond Quota; Sophomores Win Contest

In the recent Victory Bond Drive, State High topped its quota of \$10,000 by selling \$14,700 worth of E bonds and a \$1,000 G bond. The sophomore class proved the best bond salesmen, with the seniors coming in second in the bond-selling contest between the classes.

Orchids go to Miss Evelyn Steketee, who is responsible for the organization of the drive, and also to Bill Boynton who bought the bonds ordered by the students. The students in the bond assembly also deserve a vote of thanks for the enjoyable but effective way in which they made State High "bond conscious."



## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Who Did What? Where, Why, and How? For News of Alums, Just Read This Now

Jack Van Boven, salutatorian of the graduating class of '44 has returned to the premises of State High, this time to attend WMC after his discharge from the navy.

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Other State High grads now enrolled in Western are Pat Rooney and Gail Gibb both of '45, Linden Griffin another '45'er, is taking a course in art.

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Some of last year's seniors who are now clad in army khaki are Lester Gibbs, stationed at Camp Fannin, Texas; Jim Pattison who is at Fort Sheridan in Illinois; and Bill Lorentz, now at Fort Custer. Andrew Jako and Tom Jennings, who went into the army before they graduated, are both overseas in the Pacific area. At Camp Blanding, Florida, may be found a private who answers to the name of Robert Wolbers. Bob graduated last year and is now in the Army Intelligence Division where his training includes regular infantry drill plus radio, code, and photography.

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Representing State High in the navy are two seniors of '45, Cornelius "Corny" Vander Weele, and Dave Crawford, both stationed at Great Lakes.

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Chicago seems to have attracted quite a number of State's alums with Bob Burnett '45, enrolled at the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, and Vincent Solomon, also of '45, attending Wheaton College which is near the windy city. Another senior of last year, Dorothy Pyne, in in Chicago as a cadet nurse at Presbyterian Hospital.

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Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the college choice of Amy Lou Brown, while Rita Wooden adorns the campus of Michigan State College this fall. Both girls were Seniors at State last Year.

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The hard-working (?) Seniors of '45 are still working hard or so it would seem when one looks at the various jobs some of them now hold. If anyone has any complaint about Bemo Potato Chips, he can blame Bob Jones who now works for Bemo

Potato Chips, Inc. Hungry people who drop in at the Pioneer Tea Room in Oshkosh are likely to find Barbara Coleman busily occupied, while at Robinson's Dept. Store in Washington Square, Joy Van Haffon puts in her hours of labor. Gladys Bowersox, who works at the present at Arthur's is planning to enroll in Parsons Business College later.

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Miss Pearl Ford recently received a very interesting letter from one of her former student teachers, Lt. Jane Oren, now in the Waves in New York City. It seems that Lt. Oren was student teaching in Miss Ford's trigonometry class the same year that Allen Bush was taking trig, and when she noticed his picture and a write up on the sports page of a New York newspaper recently, she clipped them and sent them to Miss Ford. Allen, who was a football star at State High, now is part of the government training program at Princeton where he is really going places in his football career. He still is serious about his major mathematics but has no particular career in mind yet. When he is graduated he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

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The alum editor would appreciate any information and suggestions that the students have to offer. Anyone having information about alums should put it in the Highlights box, giving the year the student left State High.

### Radio Club Organized

A new organization, the Radio Club, comprised of five members and the sponsor, Mr. Julian Greenlee, has been formed in State High with John Overley being elected President and Al Shiley, Vice President. The club has ordered some small radio kits, which the members will put together while studying the theory of radio construction. The hours from seven to nine on Tuesday evening will see the club hard at work in the Science Building or at the various members homes.

## Seniors Select "Slug"

### Sophs Elect Officers

The Seniors have spoken again, with the result that Paul "Slug" Rafferty was elected to succeed Wilbur Ryan as president of the Senior Class. Helping conduct the affairs for the '45-46 term will be a trio of girls who were elected to the remaining offices at the Senior class meeting. Slug's harem (as it is now being called) is composed of Mary De Lano, vice president; Pat Herr, secretary; and Mary Roberts, treasurer.

After a discussion of class dues, the president appointed three major committees whose chairmen are Bill Boynton, Finance Committee; Betty Bahlman, Presentation Committee; and Joanne Scougale who is in charge of arrangements for graduation invitations and personal name cards.

The Sophs have been organized too, and at their class meeting last week, elected officers for the coming year. Anthony VerHey was elected to succeed Dick Dorgan as president and Shirley Beebe is the new vice president. The secretary-treasurer is Ardith Kalleward.

As yet the Freshman Class hasn't had a meeting.

### Plan Thanksgiving Baskets

It has been the custom of State High students each year to give aid to the needy families of Kalamazoo by furnishing a few of them with baskets of food at Thanksgiving time.

This year is no exception and plans are now under way to supply at least ten families with good Thanksgiving meals. Carolyn Mitchell is in charge of the project, but each homeroom has appointed a committee to plan a basket, and students will be asked to volunteer to bring various articles.

### Debaters Begin Season, Practice at Lansing

Debate Coach George E. Mills' speech class is at work on the debate proposition for this year, Resolved: That Every Able-bodied Male Citizen of the United States should have one year of full time military training before attaining the age of twenty-four. The main news of the week from this department involves the trip to Lansing, November 9, for a practice tournament. Margery Davis and Burton Upjohn, veterans of last year who attended the Summer Session at Northwestern University for study on the debate question, were assisted by two first year debate students, Carolyn Mitchell and Alison Clark. Burt and Alison as State's affirmative team won both their debates by defeating teams from Traverse City and Flint Central. Marge and Carolyn, the negative team, got the decision in their debate with Lansing Eastern but were defeated in their second debate by Jackson's affirmative team.

Other debate teams are being formed as the speech class prepares for a round of class debates.



# Cub Gridders Close 1945 Season Friday



## State Eleven Faces Lakeview

### — FINAL TILT —

The State High Cubs will close their 1945 grid season Friday when they meet Battle Creek Lakeview at Waldo Stadium. The game which is the last for both schools should be a thriller, and although not much is known of the Lakeview aggregation, the Cubs are prepared for any tricky offense or defense, whichever the case may be.

Coach Ronald Hinshaw's boys have played such powerhouses as Marshall and Sturgis. In Friday's game the Spartans will be led by Captain Bob Katz, who is in on every play and holds down that right guard berth. The Lakeview eleven is a member of the Twin Valley League in which it did all right, though the Spartans did not come out on top.

Fighting for its third victory of the season, the Cub grid squad will go out on the field with eleven State High seniors marking the end of their high school football careers. Captain Gordy White and quarterback Gene West are the only two members of the starting '46 lineup who will be back next year to help Coach Quiring's Cubs in their scamper for the Big Seven title.

The probable lineup for the Lakeview game will be as follows:

| STATE HIGH      | LAKEVIEW            |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Ralston .....   | Bushee              |
| Smith .....     | L.E. .... Hendrixon |
| Johnson .....   | L.T. .... Katz (c)  |
| Hill .....      | L.G. .... Yeakey    |
| Powell .....    | C .....             |
| Berry .....     | R.G. .... Strickler |
| Fowler .....    | R.T. .... Sellinger |
| Burns .....     | R.E. .... Glanis    |
| Ryan .....      | Q.B. .... Lewis     |
| Rafferty .....  | H.B. .... Simmons   |
| White (c) ..... | H.B. .... Cummins   |
|                 | F.B. .... Healy     |

## Sports Review

Two starting tackles of State's football team, Duane Smith and Henry Berry, are "Sports Review's" choice for this week.

Duane, or "Smitty" as he is known to his buddies, came to State in 1944 after attending Burke Acres School. He promptly went out for the reserve football team, acquiring valuable experience at the tackle position, and in his junior year played first string tackle on the undefeated Cub "B" team.

Smith made the first team on the Varsity in his present senior year. Duane was a half-miler on the Blue and Gold track team last spring, and plans to hold down that position again this year when the boys hit the cinder path.

Hank Berry entered State from the Training School in the fall of 1942. In both his freshman and sophomore years he played reserve ball, learning the trade in the tackle berth. When the Cub's grid season came around in '44', Berry found himself as a sub on the Varsity squad. At the present Hank plays first string tackle.

## State Cagers vs. Holland Christian In Season Opener for Cub Quintet

Paced by five returning lettermen, the State High Cubs will open their 1945-46 basketball season November 30, when they meet a strong Holland Christian quintet.

State High's prospects are good, but Coach Bob Quiring is looking for someone to fill the shoes of David (Rudy) Auxter, Captain and high-point man of last year's aggregation.

However, returning from the 1944-45 championship team are Jim Ralston and Paul (Slug) Rafferty at the guard positions; Big Gene West work-

## Scribbles . . . ...By Stub

Although managers Bill Alman and Camie Clark didn't get credit for their help in State's games, they did a good job down in the stock room. They're the ones who keep the players in tip-top condition and help Coach Bob Quiring with different jobs.

Gene West, varsity quarterback who was injured in the Dowagiac game, should be ready in time for basketball. The Cagers Co-Captain says he will be in condition when the opening game rolls around.

When the gridsters take the field against Battle Creek Lakeview, Friday, eleven seniors will play their last high school game. Boys who will finish their high school pigskins carriers are Jim Powell, Duane Smith, Doug Johnson, Hank Berry, Bill Ryan, Norris Sutton, Dick Hill, Bob Burns, Paul Rafferty, Lloyd Fowler, and Jim Ralston.

State High's "B" squad has gone undefeated for three straight years. This year's team trimmed elevens from Three Rivers, St. "A", and Paw Paw for six victories.

ing the center spot; and Bill Ryan and Little Bobbie Burns at forwards. Reserves of last year and prospects for this year's squad include Jack Thomson, center, Dick Cain, guard, and Stub Louis, forward.

Basketball practice will begin November 19, giving Quiring two weeks to get his squad in condition for the opening tangle with the Dutchmen. On the schedule are two games with each of the Big 7 conference teams, and one with the Sturgis hoopsters.



# Student Body Names James Most Solid Sender

## Volleyball Vamps Vying for Victory

What is so rare as a day in June? Well, if you want to see something that's really rare, just peer at the saddening spectacle of some of the feminine volley ball beauties. A motley crew! They valiantly bat around at the ball when all the time you know they don't give a darn whether it goes over the net or not, what spirit! They try hard, though.

We really have some outstanding teams, all playing for a big championship, but of-course the unfortunate characters who have gym at 8:00 really have no advantage. They stumble sleepily around, not caring much about anything, and who can blame them?

Carolyn Mitchell's all-senior team has won six out of eight games, which is considered pretty good, while Wilma Roundhouse and her team have played only two games but won both. We'll let you know what team wins the big championship when it's all over.

Besides volleyball, we have swimming. You've probably noticed the stringy, wet locks of hair wandering around the halls. Some lucky girls have their chlorine dip at 3:00 which solves all coiffure problems.

Nothing terribly spectacular ever happens in the pool, although the 3:00 class is having Junior and Senior Life-saving which is lots of fun and provides many impromptu duckings.

One of our members once had a red hot steam bath free of charge. Those showers never do what you think they're going to. When they say "Hot," they never fail to be cold and vice versa.

In spite of all the trials and tribulations of the struggling swimmers and the vivacious volleyball players, everyone has a lot of fun at some time or other. Gym classes really aren't as bad as they sound.

## High School Art Dept. To Hold Exhibit in Walwood

This is an invitation to all students, faculty, and anyone else interested, to stop by the familiar East and West rooms of Walwood Hall on November the fifteenth. On display will be an exhibit of the work of Miss Paden's high school art classes.

The framed compositions of State High artists are examples of space breaking and are based merely on the rhythm of line with most of them representing autumn.

## The Nose Blows

By JUDY OGDEN

"Fatty DeLano has joined the growing group that holds "Grapids" as their favorite town. Since this city has so many hills and "Bluffs" you can really see a lot of the city. Right, Mary?

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Hear say, that well-known cheerful senior "Smiley" Roberts, was quite happy to hear that our open date was filled by Zeeland.

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We wonder if the little Burns brother was spurred on to his first touchdown by his "best girl" standing on the sidelines.

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The confusion on alternate noons is caused by none other than State High's pride and joy, the "German Band," as they call themselves. (It seems other people call them something different!!) The boys are working hard on their second piece, after which they hope to open at the Palmer House. Good Luck, Fellas!

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From various contributions to the Highlights box, it is evident that the kids who went on the bus to Niles had a swell time. Let's keep up the good work on these trips, kids, so we can have more fun during the basketball season, too.

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Halloween night was Frankie blushing, wearing a red-tie-mask, or was his face red for some other reason?

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Alison' Clark's car seems to be a section of the Checker Cab Co. Gotta join the Union you know, Clark!

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Who said there weren't any drooley college "men" on campus since the V-12 left? There seem to be some of this considered extinct group still kicking.

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Friends will be glad to hear that Jack Moss is planning (if he has free time) to work in a little visit to his Alma Mater. It'll be nice to see Moe-dock around again after his long absence since his graduation last June.

## Happy Birthday

November 14—Bill Glennon  
November 15—Ronald McCaul  
November 16—Kent Aach,  
Doris Beery  
November 17—Mildred Worden  
November 21—Gene West  
November 26—Gordon White.  
November 28—Fred Bucklam,  
George Buckham,  
Ardith Kalleward  
Gary Wilson

## Till The End of Time, Bing, Shore Chosen

Being a nosey little organization, the Highlights likes to find out from year to year what S. H. S.'s taste in music is. So—a poll! The favorites of the fellows and gals really haven't changed much since last year's poll was taken! Harry James tops the bands, though for a while there, it looked as if Tommy Dorsey would hold that title. James fans, however, snowed under the "Sentimental Gentleman," giving Harry the fifty-seven to forty-seven leads he held at the end.

Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore as usual are the favorite vocalizers and Frankie-boy didn't even run a close third to Dick Haymes. But figures speak louder than prose, so below are disclosed the expressive statistics.

Oh, and a P.S. before it's forgotten. State High's talent was also mentioned: for instance Lola Cheyne, Pat Herr, and Mrs. Britton received some votes for feminine singers, as did Jack Herr, Lester Shelley and Bob Smith for male vocalist. A couple of eager beavers chose "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" as their favorite melody.

The outcome of the music poll is as follows:

### BANDS

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| 1. Harry James    | 59 |
| 2. Tommy Dorsey   | 47 |
| 3. Spike Jones    | 14 |
| 4. Charlie Spivak | 9  |
| 5. Central High   | 6  |
| 6. Glen Miller    | 6  |
| 7. State High     | 4  |
| 8. Guy Lombardo   | 4  |

### SINGER-FEMININE

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| 1. Dinah Shore      | 66 |
| 2. Ginny Sims       | 14 |
| 3. Joan Edwards     | 12 |
| 4. Betty Hutton     | 6  |
| 5. Kate Smith       | 5  |
| 6. Frances Langford | 5  |

### SINGER-MASCULINE

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| 1. Bing Crosby   | 108 |
| 2. Dick Haymes   | 30  |
| 3. Frank Sinatra | 15  |
| 4. Perry Como    | 6   |
| 5. Dennis Morgan | 3   |

### SONG

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| 1. Till the End of Time         | 30 |
| 2. It's Been a Long, Long, Time | 17 |
| 3. Navajo Trail                 | 9  |
| 4. Stardust                     | 8  |
| 5. Paper Moon                   | 7  |
| 6. It Might as Well be Spring   | 7  |
| 7. I'll Buy That Dream          | 6  |